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SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTIES ON FINNISH CHEESE: PRELIMINARY
FINNISH REACTION

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1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY INFORMED MFA OF ADVERSE TREASURY
PRELIMINARY FINDING ON FINNISH CHEESE EXPORTS TO US
AND STRESSED THAT FINAL DETERMINATION NOT DUE UNTIL
JUNE 11, 1976. MEANWHILE, FINLAND COULD MAKE WRITTEN
SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS AND DATA (BEFORE JANUARY 15)
OR HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH TREASURY FOR RESOLUTION OF
PROBLEM. GOF HAS INVITED A TREASURY REPRESENTATIVE
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TO VISIT FINLAND EARLY IN 1976. END SUMMARY

2. EMBASSY ON DEC. 12 NOTIFIED MFA (KAARLO YRJO-KOSKINEN) AND VALIO OY (MANAGING DIRECTOR AKE VIRKOLA) OF TREASURY PRELIMINARY FINDING IN RESPECT TO CHEESE EXPORTED TO US. BOTH EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AND REGRET. ECON COUNSELOR STRESSED THAT FURTHER SIX MONTHS REMAIN BEFORE TREASURY IS REQUIRED MAKE FINAL DETERMINATION ON JUNE 11, 1976.

3. TEXT OF FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE WAS HANDED TO YRJO-KOSKINEN DURING FOLLOW-UP MEETING ON DEC. 23. HE AGAIN EXPRESSED REGRET AT TREASURY PRELIMINARY FINDING. ECON COUNSELOR ONCE MORE EXPLAINED HOW US TRADE ACT OF 1974 HAD CHANGED PREVIOUS SITUATION AND THAT ACTIVATION OF CHEESE AND OTHER COUNTERVAILING DUTY CASES REPRESENTED NO MOVE BY USG IN DIRECTION OF PROTECTIONISM. YRJO-KOSKINEN SAID THAT FINLAND WOULD SEEK A WAIVER. ECON COUNSELOR REVIEWED WITH HIM THE THREE CONDITIONS WHICH MAY SERVE AS THE BASIS OF TREASURY WAIVER. HE POINTED OUT THAT AS STATED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER, FINLAND COULD MAKE A WRITTEN SUBMISSION IN RESPECT TO THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION, PROVIDING RELEVANT DATA, VIEWS OR ARGUMENTS. YRJO-KOSKINEN COMMENTED THAT MFA ANSWERS TO QUESTIONNAIRE COVERED MOST IF NOT ALL OF THIS GROUND. HE SAID THAT AS FIRST STEP FINLAND THROUGH ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD INVITED A TREASURY REPRESENTATIVE TO VISIT FINLAND AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN 1976 IN ORDER TO FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF ON THE SPOT WITH THE SITUATION REGARDING FINNISH DAIRY INDUSTRY AND EXPORT OF CHEESE TO US. HE MENTIONED A MR. SELF OF TREASURY AS THE POSSIBLE VISITOR. HE DESCRIBED INITIAL TREASURY REACTION AS FAVORABLE. LATER FINLAND MIGHT WISH SEND DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH TREASURY CONCERNING WAIVER.

4. PRESS COMMENT ON TREASURY PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION HAS BEEN RESTRAINED AND ESSENTIALLY FACTUAL. IT REFLECTS THE GOF ARGUMENT THAT MILK SUBSIDIZATION IS NECESSARY UNDER FINNISH AGRICULTURAL POLICY (FOR REGIONAL, SOCIAL, AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY REASONS), WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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